THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) 35 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) are proposed to be opened during 2003-04.

(b) Yes, Sir. The proposals received from Uttaranchal are for districts Almora, Bageshwar, Chamoli, Dehradun, Hardwar, Pauri Garhwal, Pithoragarh, Rudra Prayag, Udhamsingh Nagar and Uttarkashi.

(c) All the proposals are at different stages of processing and no proposal has yet been finalized.

SAI Training Centres in Uttar Pradesh

†*174. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of training centres established by the Sport Authority of India in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the places in the State where these training centres have been established by the Authority; and

(c) whether Government propose to establish any new training centre in the State for imparting training to the rural players?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA): (a) and (b) The number and location of training centres set up by Sports Authority of India under its different schemes in Uttar Pradesh are as follows:—

(i) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)-4 Centres (Varanasi, Mathura, Sultanpur and Balia)

(ii) Special Area Games (SAG)-2 Centres (Allahabad and Meerut).

(iii) SAI Training Centres (STC)-7 Centres (Rai Bareilly, Saifai Etawah, Lucknow, Agra, Allahabad, Jhansi and Bareilly)

(iv) Centre of Excellence (COX)-1 Centre (Lucknow)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) SAI is establishing a Sub-centre at Lucknow. This Sub-centre will provide opportunity of sports training to upcoming sportspersons from the entire State of Uttar Pradesh including players' from rural areas. The sports facilities at this Sub-centre will be play fields (for hockey, volleyball, basketball, kabaddi and football), Swimming Pool, Cinder Atheletic Track and a multi-purpose hall (for badminton, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, taekwondo and weightlifting).

Modernisation of Madarsas and Maktabas

*175. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of the modernization of 'Madarsas' and 'Maktabas' is being implemented since 1993-94, as a Central Scheme;

(b) if so, the main objectives of the scheme; and

(c) the assistance provided to State Government under the scheme since its inception, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 1993-94, the Central Government has been implementing a scheme of Financial Assistance for Modernization of Madrasa Education. Its objective is to encourage traditional institutions like Madrasas and Maktabs to teach modern subjects such as Science, Maths, English, Hindi and Social Studies alongside the traditional curriculum. Under the scheme, salary of 2 teachers for Madrasa is provided to teach modern subjects, besides one-time grants for purchase of Science and Maths kits and for book-bank for strengthening of libraries. From the Tenth Plan, it has been merged in the unified scheme of Area Intensive and Madrasa Modernization Programme.